

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/1¹

PRODUCTION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

(Effective 21 April 1958)

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 15, NSCID No. 1, and in order to facilitate department participation in the production of national intelligence estimates, the following operating procedures are established:

1. *Programming*

Periodically, but not less than quarterly, the Board of National Estimates, Central Intelligence Agency, will present to the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) for approval a program of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates (NIE's and SNIE's) for production during the following six months. In preparing this program, the Board will consult with the NSC Planning Board and appropriate committees of the IAC, and will coordinate with the IAC agencies.

2. *Initiation*

Requests for estimates other than those programmed will be transmitted to the IAC via the Board of National Estimates. The Board will take such action as is indicated by the circumstances prior to transmitting the request to the IAC for action; e.g., comment, initiate immediate action subject to subsequent IAC ratification, or attach draft terms of reference to its recommendation that the estimate be approved for production.

3. *Normal Preparation*

Estimates will normally be prepared in four stages:

a. *Terms of Reference and Contributions* — The Board, after consultation with the IAC agencies, will circulate terms of reference indicating the scope of the estimate and the intelligence material needed. The Agencies, or an IAC Subcommittee or other appropriate group, will then prepare contributions and submit them to the Board.

b. *Drafting and Board Consideration* — After considering the contributions, and such consultation with any contributing agency which may be appropriate, the Board will prepare a draft.

c. *Consideration by Representatives of the IAC Agencies* — Representatives of the IAC agencies will meet with the Board to review, comment on and revise the draft as necessary.

d. *IAC Consideration* — The final draft will then be submitted to the IAC for approval.

4. *Preparation under Exceptional Circumstances*

Any of the steps listed in 3a, b, and c above may be omitted under exceptional or unusually urgent circumstances.

¹ This Directive supersedes DCID No. 3/5, of 9/1/53.

5. *Dissents*

Any agency may dissent to any feature of an estimate. Such dissents identify the dissenter and will state the dissenter's position on the matter.

6. *Publication and Dissemination*

Finished estimates will be published by CIA and disseminated by the DCI according to established procedures. Published estimates will carry a note indicating the extent of coordination within the intelligence community.

7. DCID 3/5, 1 September 1953, is herewith rescinded.

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